Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Monday 29 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Tuesday 30 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Sunday 28 Mar 2021 at 15:57 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for a wet and windy start to the week in the hills in the west but lower confidence in how far east rain will extend. High confidence for settled conditions towards the end of the forecast period.

Headline for Monday 29 Mar 2021: Very wet in the west, drier at first in the far north, gales for all.

Mountain weather hazards on Monday 29 Mar 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Drizzle	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	>95%	>95%

Forecast for Monday 29 Mar 2021

Weather: A feed of persistent and sometimes heavy rain in to the northwest highlands but the north and east will see some shelter at first. This will continue throughout the day, although it may be drier for a time in the south on Monday afternoon as the main rain area moves north. Rain will cause some flooding in the west and watercourses will become quite full. Cloudy for most, perhaps one or two bright or sunny spells for the northern hills at first. Feeling quite mild.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: In the west 5% or less, in the far north at first 30% as the rain stays south.

Visibility: For western ranges visibility will be very poor for much of the day with heavy rain and low cloud, bases will be extensive from 300m. Further north and east there will be an increasing chance of a few cloud breaks in the morning and later a chance in the south of one or two cloud breaks.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	46/57 SW	42/53 SW	38/48 SW	35/45 SW	34/44 SW	31/40 SW	43/56 SW	48/62 SW	47/63 SW
900	42/53 SW	39/49 SW	35/46 SW	33/44 SW	31/41 SW	26/35 SW	38/51 SW	43/57 SW	43/58 SW
600	29/40 SW	28/39 SW	26/36 SW	26/35 SW	25/34 SW	16/25 SW	26/39 SW	30/44 SW	31/46 SW
300	5/39 SW	6/37 SW	7/35 SW	7/32 SW	6/28 SW	3/21 SW	6/37 SW	9/43 SW	10/45 SW
Glen	18/39 SW	18/36 SW	14/30 SW	11/23 SW	6/15 SW	5/13 SW	15/35 SW	20/43 SW	22/44 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	4/-4	4/-3	2/-6	0/-8	1/-7	3/-4	4/-3	4/-3	4/-3
900	5/-2	5/-2	3/-4	1/-6	2/-6	4/-3	5/-2	5/-2	5/-2
600	7/1	7/1	5/-1	4/-2	4/-2	5/0	7/2	7/2	7/1
300	8/6	8/6	6/4	6/4	7/5	7/6	8/7	8/7	8/6
Glen	10/6	9/6	8/5	9/6	9/8	8/7	10/7	10/7	10/6
Freezing Level*	2000m	1900m	1400m	1000m	1100m	2200m	2300m	2300m	2200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A very windy day with gales or severe gales on the tops but feeling quite mild for the time of year. Becoming very wet underfoot in the west with some flooding likely.

Forecast for Tuesday 30 Mar 2021

Weather: Similar to Monday with fairly continuous rain for most areas although it will be lighter in the north. Rain perhaps less heavy than Monday and becoming drizzly in many places for a time. Lighter winds in the afternoon will see cloud bases quite low later in the afternoon. Rain in the evening will turn wintery as freezing level lowers later in the north.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 30-35mph easing to 15mph later, with gusts initially 50mph easing to 25mph later.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% or less, a lot of low cloud associated with rain throughout the day

Visibility: Conditions will be quite poor for most areas with persistent rain continuing and cloud bases extensive above 400m, difficult navigation is to be expected.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 10 Celsius falling to 4 Celsius later.
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius lowering to 1 Celsius later.
Freezing level: Above the summits lowering to 900m later.

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